

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A communications terminal capable of communicating with a server via a network, said communications terminal

*comprising:
a local such as terminal housed
an application executing unit for executing an application;*

a retrieval requesting unit for making, before or after the application is activated, a retrieval request to the server for retrieving an instruction file that describes an instruction for transmitting to said server all or part of data generated as a result of executing said application; and

a transmission processing unit for carrying out transmission to said server after said application is executed, by following the instruction described in said instruction file transmitted from said server in response to said retrieval request.

2. The communications terminal according to claim 1,

wherein

said application executing unit starts executing said application upon receipt of said instruction file transmitted from said server in response to said retrieval request.

3. The communications terminal according to claim 1,

wherein

 said retrieval requesting unit makes the retrieval request by specifying said instruction file stored in said server
5 with a Web browser.

4. The communications terminal according to claim 1,
wherein

 said instruction file includes transmission information specifying data for specifying transmission data to
5 be transmitted to said server, and

 said transmission processing unit includes:

 a transmission data determining unit for determining, based on said transmission information specifying data, said transmission data to be transmitted to said server from
10 among said generated data; and

 a transmitting unit for transmitting said transmission data to said server.

5. The communications terminal according to claim 1,
wherein

 said instruction file includes transmission format specifying data for specifying a format used for transmitting
5 transmission data to be transmitted to said server, and

 said transmission processing unit includes:

 a transmission format determining unit for

determining a transmission format of said transmission data based on said transmission format specifying data; and

10 a transmitting unit for transmitting said transmission data in said transmission format determined by said transmission format determining unit.

6. The communications terminal according to claim 1,
wherein

 said instruction file includes destination server specifying data for specifying a destination server in said
5 transmission, and

 said transmission processing unit carries out said transmission to the destination server specified by said destination server specifying data.

7. A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium, said computer program for use in a communications terminal capable of communicating with a server via a network, said computer program comprising the steps of:

5 executing an application;

 making, before or after said application is activated, a retrieval request to the server for retrieving an instruction file that describes an instruction for transmitting to said server all or part of data generated as a result of executing said
10 application; and

carrying out transmission processing to said server after said application is executed, by following the instruction described in said instruction file transmitted from said server in response to said retrieval request.

8. The data transmission program according to claim 7, wherein

in said application executing step, said application is started to be executed upon receipt of said instruction file transmitted from said server in response to said retrieval request.

9. The data transmission program according to claim 7, wherein

in said retrieval request making step, the retrieval request is made by specifying said instruction file stored in said server with a Web browser.

10. The data transmission program according to claim 7, wherein

said instruction file includes transmission information specifying data for specifying transmission data to be transmitted to said server, and

said transmission processing step includes:
a step of determining, based on said transmission

information specifying data, said transmission data to be transmitted to said server from among said generated data; and
10 a step of transmitting said transmission data to said server.

11. The data transmission program according to claim 7, wherein

said instruction file includes transmission format specifying data for specifying a format used for transmitting
5 transmission data to be transmitted to said server, and

said transmission processing step includes:

a step of determining a transmission format of said transmission data based on said transmission format specifying data; and

10 a step of transmitting said transmission data in said transmission format determined by said transmission format determining unit.

12. The data transmission program according to claim 7, wherein

said instruction file includes destination server specifying data for specifying a destination server in said
5 transmission, and

said transmission processing unit carries out said transmission to the destination server specified by said

destination server specifying data.

13. A communications system including a communications terminal capable of transmitting data generated as a result of executing an application and a server capable of communicating with the communications terminal via a network, said server comprising:

an instruction file storage unit for storing an instruction file that describes an instruction for transmitting all or part of said generated data; and

an instruction file transmitting unit for transmitting the instruction file in response to a retrieval request from said communications terminal for retrieving said instruction file, and

said communications terminal comprising:

an application executing unit for executing said application;

a retrieval requesting unit for making, before or after the application is activated, a retrieval request to the server for retrieving an instruction file that describes an instruction for transmitting to said server all or part of data generated as a result of executing said application; and

20 a transmission processing unit for carrying out transmission to said server after said application is executed, by following the instruction described in said instruction file

transmitted from said server in response to said retrieval
25 request.

14. A data transmission method used in a network including a communications terminal capable of transmitting data generated as a result of executing an application and a server capable of communicating with the communications terminal via the
5 network, wherein

an instruction file that describes an instruction for transmitting all or part of said generated data from said communications terminal is stored in advance, and

said method comprises:

10 a step of executing an application;

a step of making, before or after said application is activated, a retrieval request to the server for retrieving an instruction file that describes an instruction for transmitting to said server all or part of data generated as a
15 result of executing said application;

a step of transmitting, in response to said retrieval request, an instruction file previously stored in said server to the communications terminal that made the retrieval request; and

20 a step of carrying out transmission to said server after said application is executed, by following the instruction described in said instruction file transmitted from said server in response to said retrieval request.